

# **WILLIAM G. POMEROY FOUNDATION: CELEBRATING HISTORY ONE MARKER AT A TIME**

**Theodore Burr Covered  
Bridge Resource Center**



# OUR MISSION



The William G. Pomeroy Foundation is committed to supporting the celebration and preservation of community history, and working to improve the probability of finding appropriate donor matches or other life-saving treatments for blood cancer patients.











may 26<sup>th</sup>, 2005

Day - ☺

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PCA: Tom

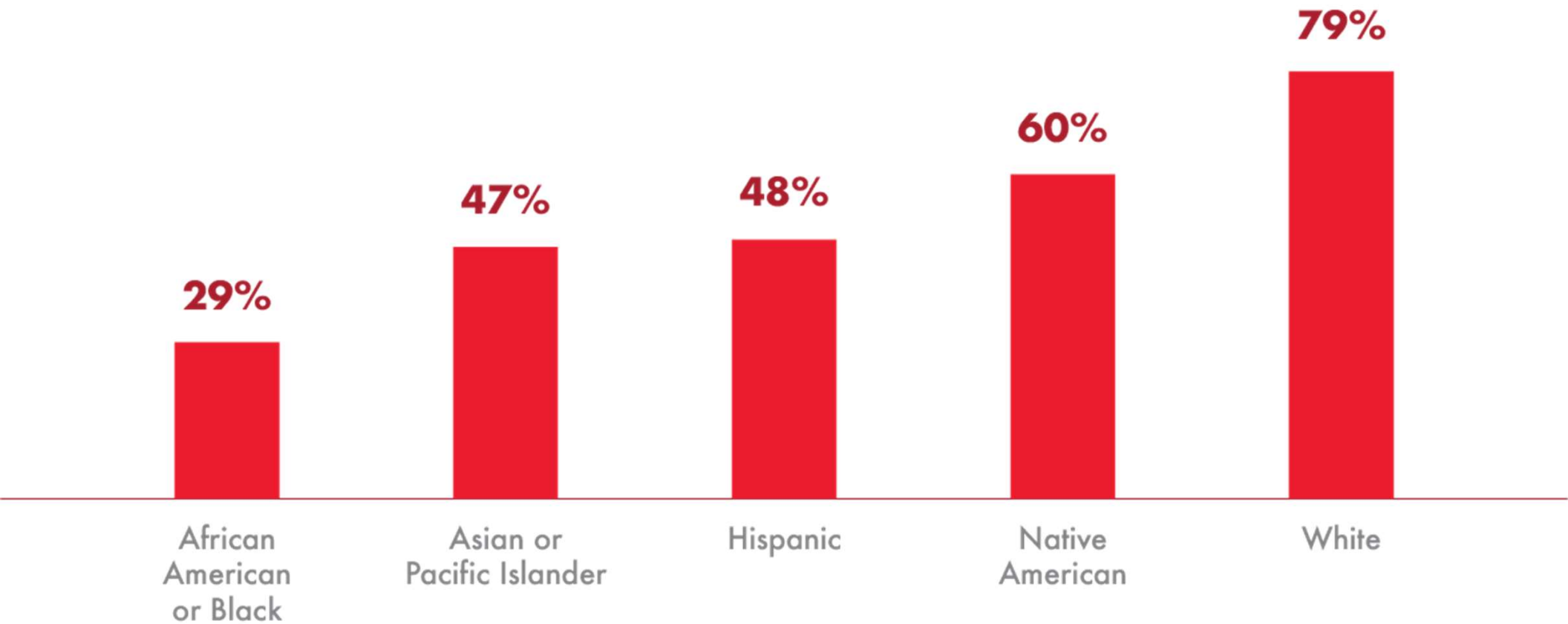
SCT nurse: Tara

ask about —

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## Likelihood of Finding a Matched Adult Bone Marrow Donor Based on Patient Ethnicity:



Credit [bethematch.org](https://bethematch.org)







# WHO WE ARE

## Our two main initiatives:

- **FOR LIFE:**

- To help diversify the Be the Match Registry by supporting bone marrow drives in diverse communities

- **FOR HISTORY:**

- To help people celebrate their community's history through fully funded historic marker grant programs

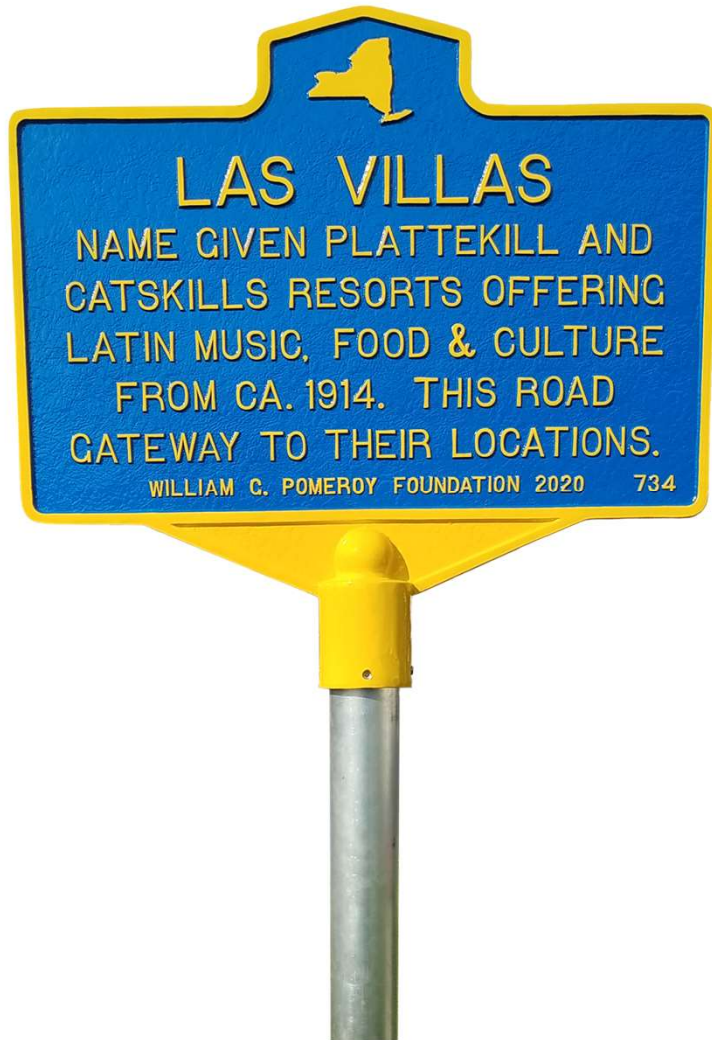




# WHY HISTORIC MARKERS?





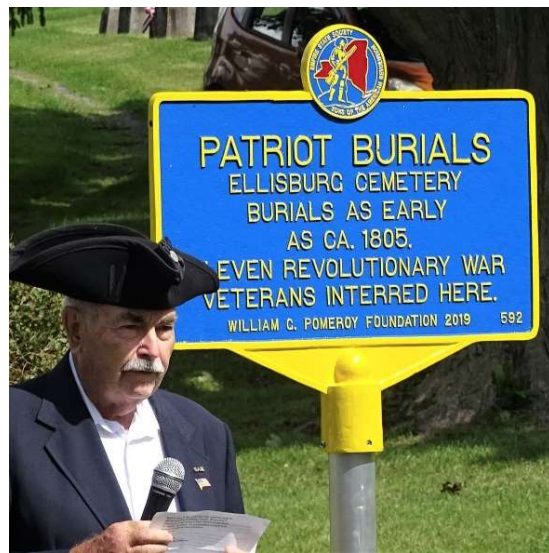
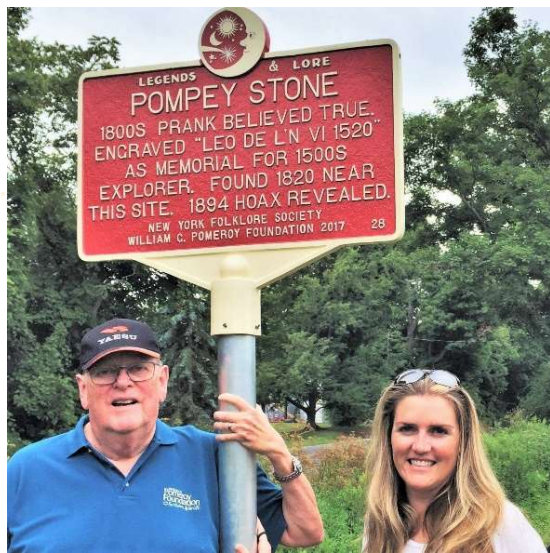


# **FIRST MARKER PROGRAM NEW YORK STATE MARKER GRANT PROGRAM**











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# NATIONAL REGISTER SIGNAGE GRANT PROGRAM









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HAS BEEN PLACED ON THE  
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HISTORIC PLACES IN 1971  
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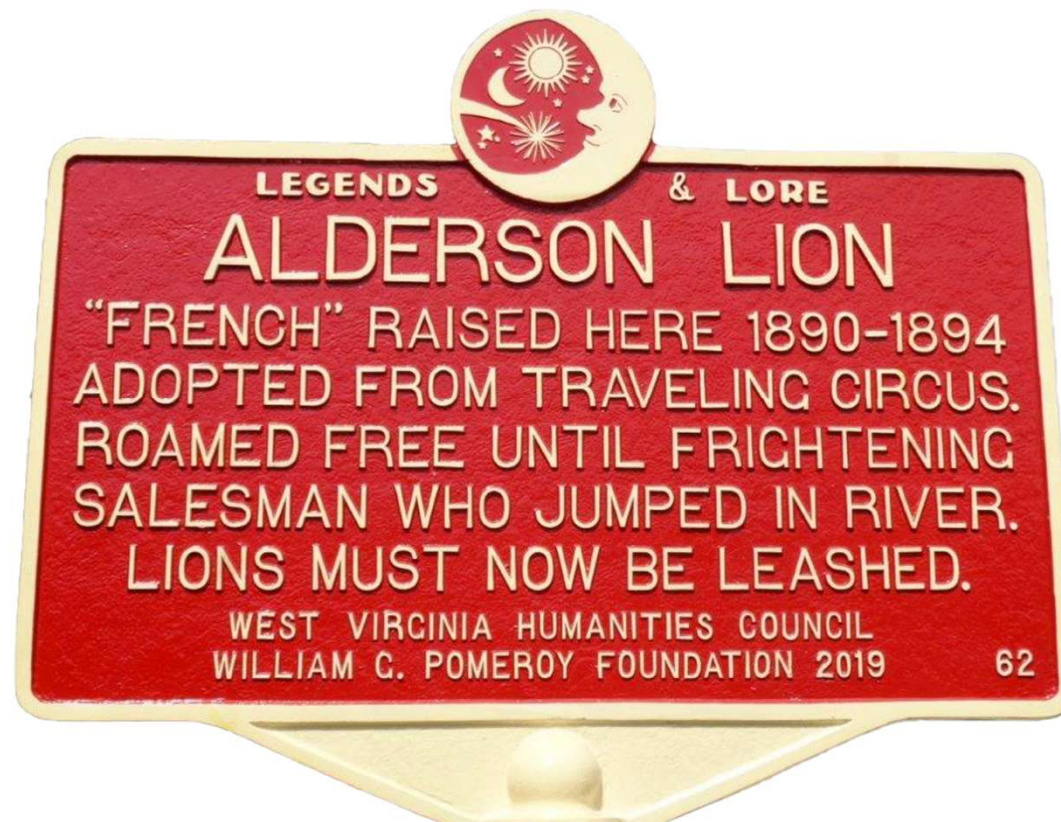


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RIVERSIDE CEMETERY BRIDGE  
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# LEGENDS & LORE MARKER PROGRAM







LEGENDS

& LORE

# JOHN HENRY

"THE STEEL DRIVING MAN"  
AFRICAN AMERICAN WHOSE EPIC  
BATTLE AGAINST STEAM DRILL  
MADE HIM A LEGEND  
AMONG THE WORKING CLASS.

WEST VIRGINIA HUMANITIES COUNCIL  
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LEGENDS

& LORE

## HEADLESS HORSEMAN

TETHERS HIS HORSE NIGHTLY  
AMONG GRAVES IN THIS  
CHURCHYARD ACCORDING TO  
'THE LEGEND OF SLEEPY HOLLOW'  
AUTHOR WASHINGTON IRVING

NEW YORK FOLKLORE  
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LEGENDS

& LORE

## LEATHER BRITCHES

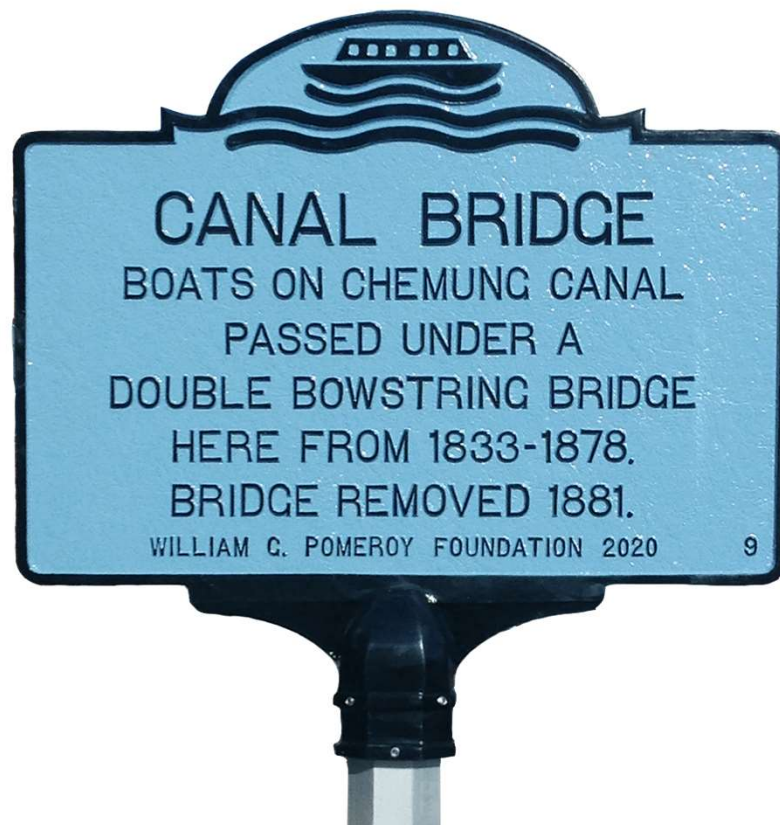
ALIAS OF CHARLES SMITH  
SHARPSHOOTING OUTLAW WHO  
FOUGHT IN 1912 GRABOW LABOR  
RIOT. KILLED DURING AMBUSH.  
BURIED FACE DOWN.

CENTER FOR LOUISIANA STUDIES  
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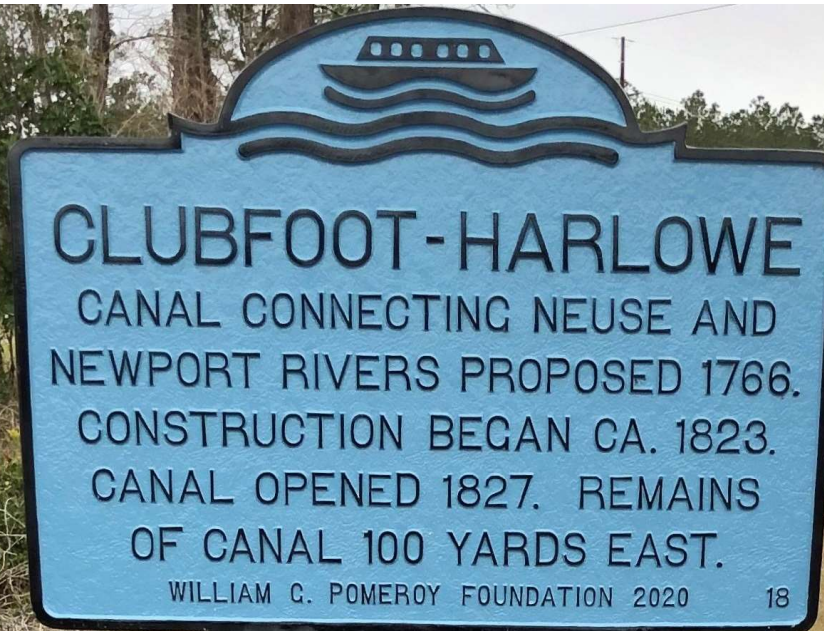
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# HISTORIC TRANSPORTATION CANALS MARKER PROGRAM











## CANAL BRIDGE

BOATS ON CHEMUNG CANAL  
PASSED UNDER A  
DOUBLE BOWSTRING BRIDGE  
HERE FROM 1833-1878.  
BRIDGE REMOVED 1881.

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## CANAL STORE

BUILT BY 1855. LATER OPERATED  
BY HORACE WESCOTT AS GROCERY  
AND CHANDLERY SUPPLYING BOATS  
PASSING THROUGH LOCK 56  
AKA POORHOUSE LOCK.

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## HOOD CANAL

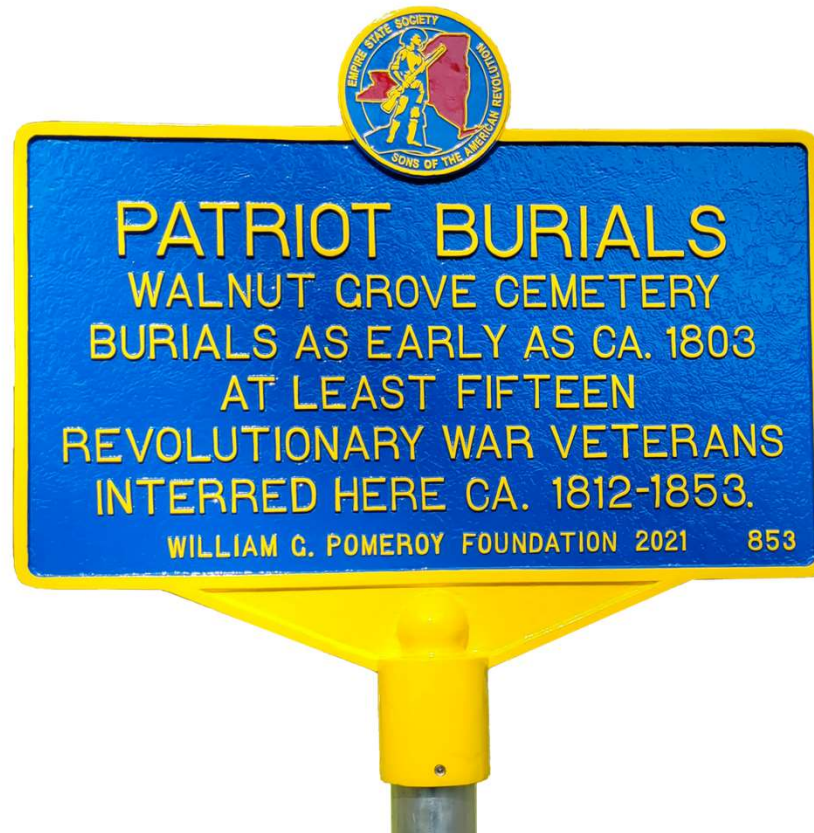
COMPLETED 1940 CONNECTING  
LAKE HOOD & LAKE SPENARD.  
INCREASED TAKEOFF AREA FOR  
FLOATPLANES & MADE POSSIBLE  
LAKE HOOD SEAPLANE BASE.

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# PATRIOT BURIALS MARKER GRANT PROGRAM





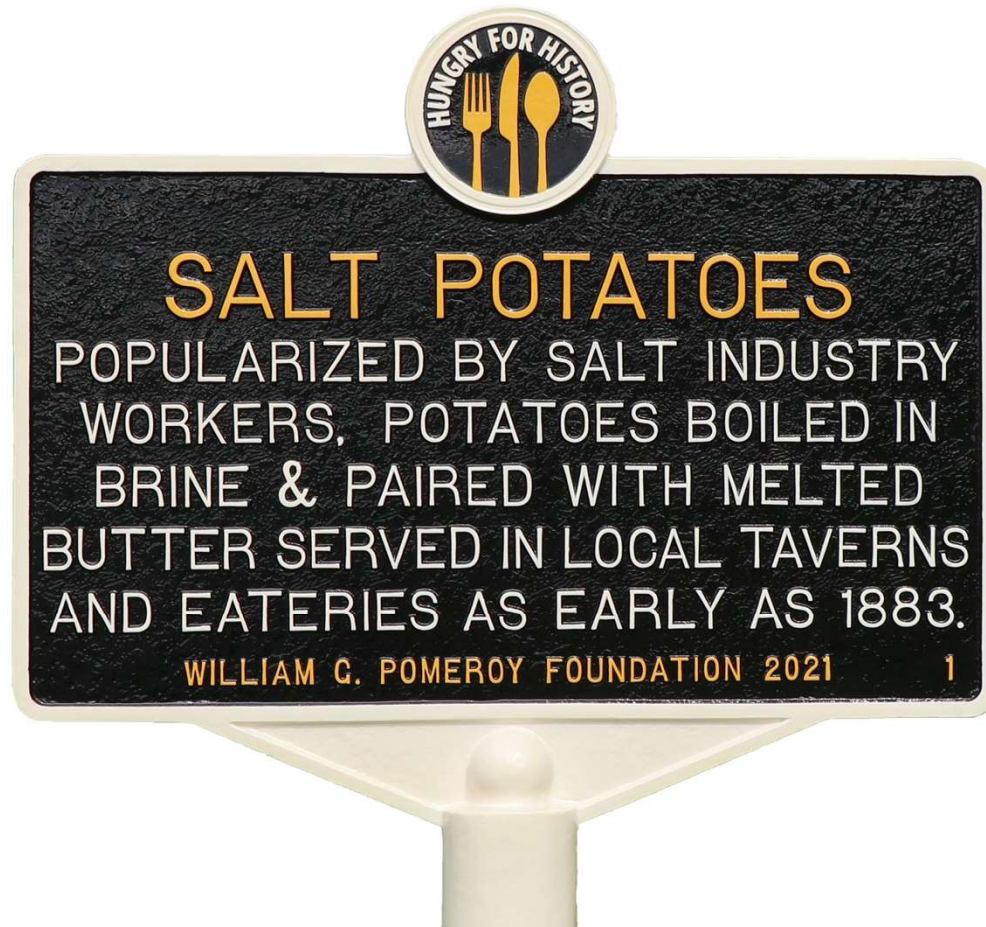








# HUNGRY FOR HISTORY







## SALT POTATOES

POPULARIZED BY SALT INDUSTRY  
WORKERS, POTATOES BOILED IN  
BRINE & PAIRED WITH MELTED  
BUTTER SERVED IN LOCAL TAVERNS  
AND EATERIES AS EARLY AS 1883.

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# BENEFITS

- **Preserve** history
- **Educate** the public
- **Encourage** pride of place
- **Promote** historic tourism and economic benefits





# APPLYING FOR A MARKER GRANT



- [Apply For History Grant](#)
- [Apply For Blood Cancer Grant](#)
- [Grants Awarded](#)



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# What is the difference between primary and secondary sources?

## PRIMARY SOURCE

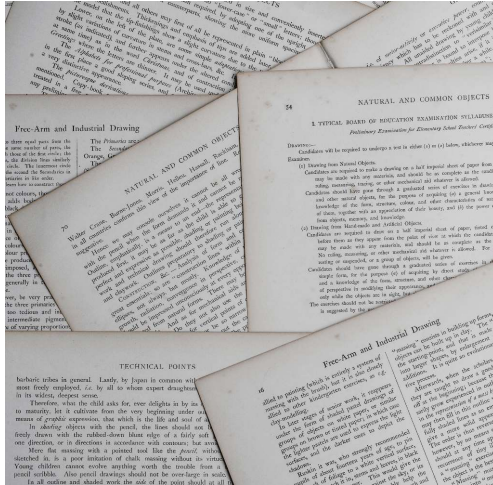
- A **firsthand** account or **direct** evidence concerning the subject being researched. A description of an event by **someone** who was **there to see** or **experience it**, often created at the time of the event.
- Examples: Diaries, journals, letters, photographs, census records, deeds, legal filings, and newspaper reports published at the time of the event

## SECONDARY SOURCE

- A **secondhand** account of the event. A **description** of an event **based on research**, written or retold by someone who was **NOT** there to **see** or **experience** it.
- Examples: Reference books, i.e., encyclopedias and local publications, textbooks, magazine articles, and newspaper articles

**Ask yourself:** Was the person giving the account *present* at the event?









# Marker Grant Application Process

## Letter of Intent (LOI)

- Generate your LOI ensuring the primary sources needed for the historic people, place, thing, or event you are applying for are listed. Be sure to include your proposed inscription for the marker in your LOI.
- Once your LOI has been approved by the Foundation, gather the physical examples of your primary sources to include within your final application.
- Both your LOI and application will be submitted online.





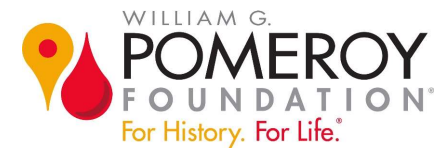
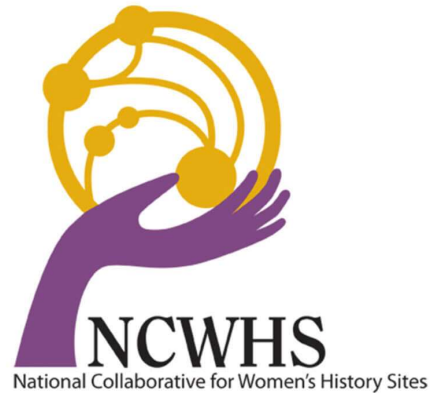
# Marker Grant Application Process

## Time to Apply

- After receiving approval of your LOI, it's time to put together your application.
- The application must include:
  - Proposed installation location in specific detail (include GPS coordinates)
  - Brief description and historical significance of what is being commemorated
  - Proposed inscription for your marker
  - A letter from the landowner granting permission for the marker to be installed
  - Primary source documents verifying your proposed inscription



# PARTNERSHIPS



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IOWA DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS



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SOCIETY



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# MARKER MAP

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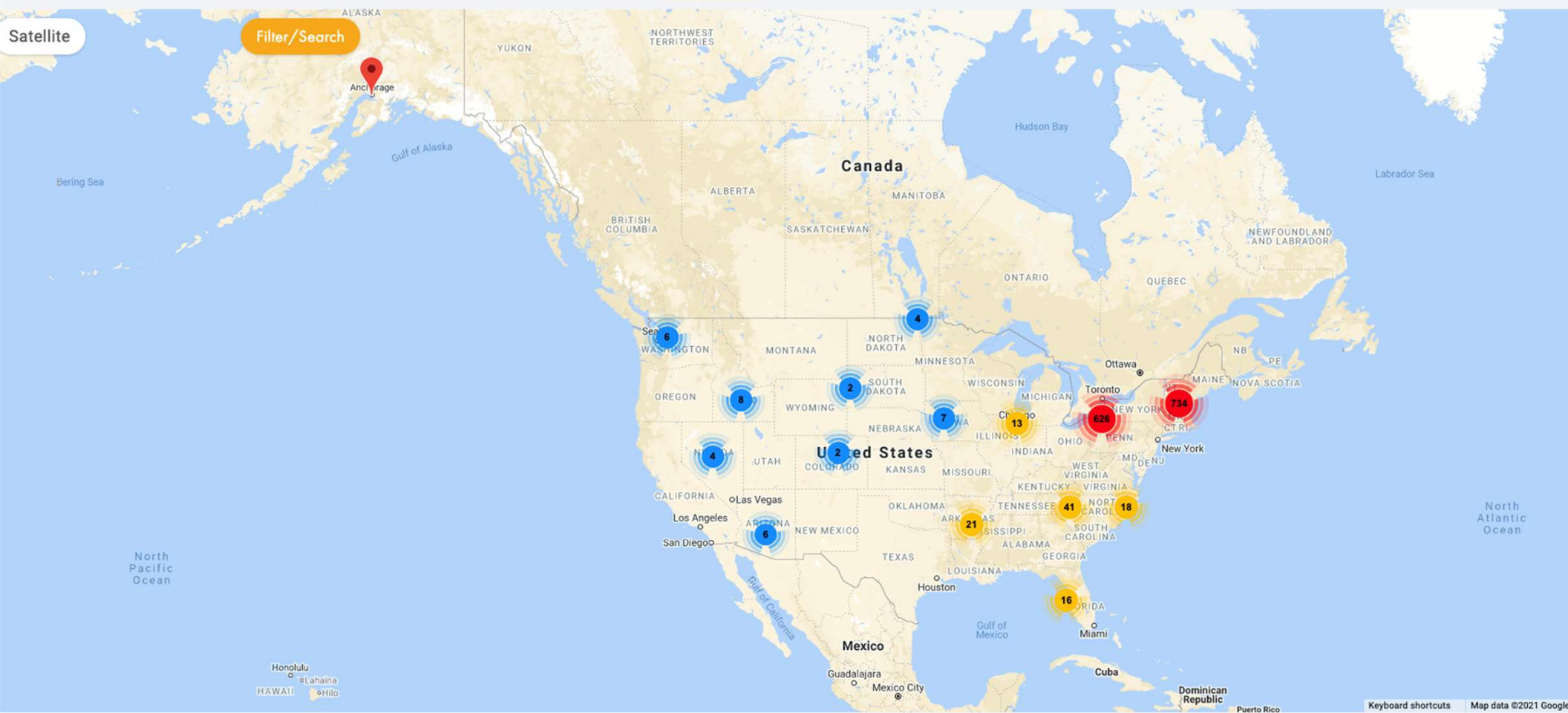




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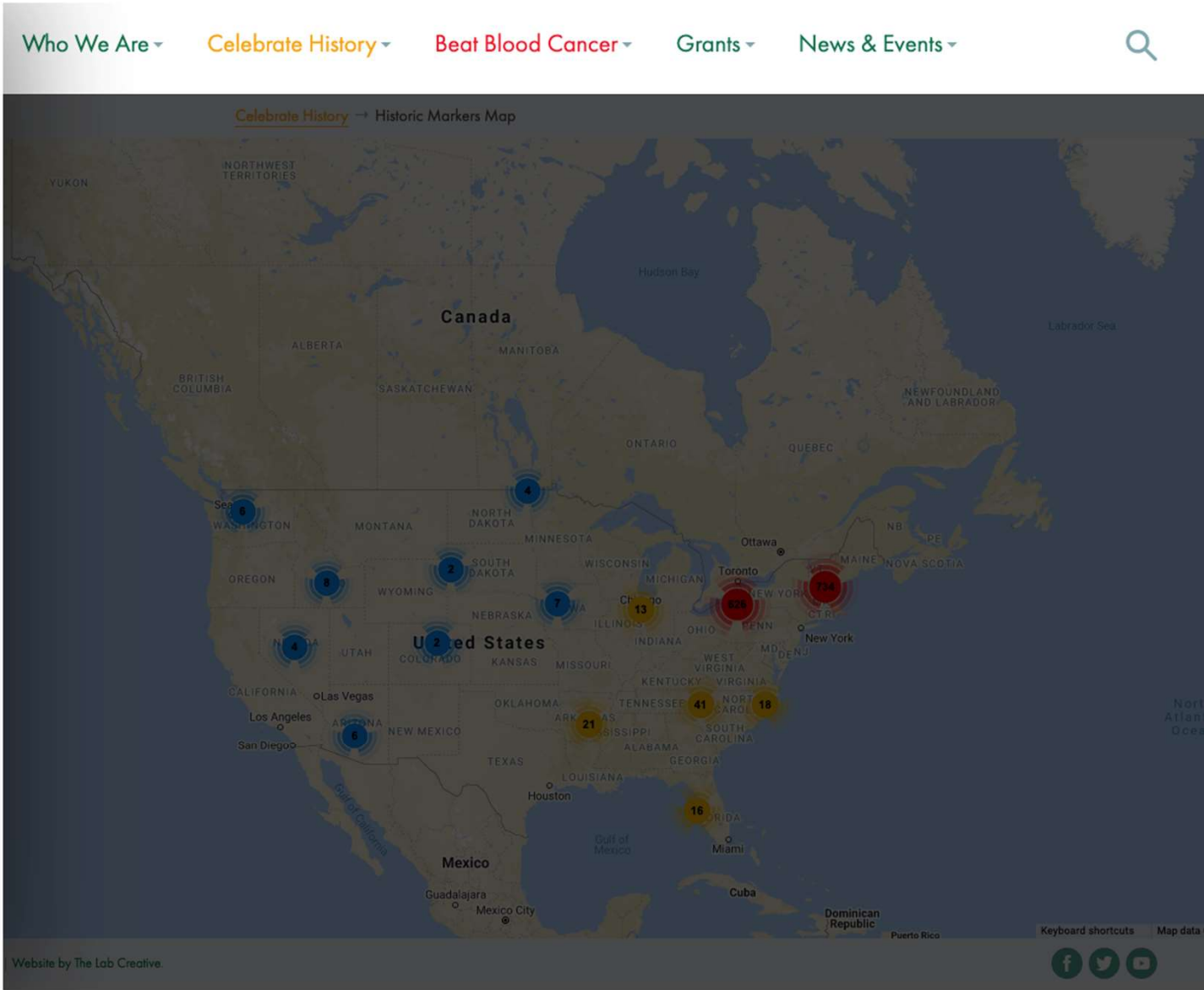
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# DEDICATION CEREMONIES













# MEDIA ATTENTION



## Local white covered bridge turns 100 at this year's festival



### Cataract House historic marker unveiled

NIAGARA FALLS: Will stand at site of former hotel on Buffalo Avenue.

Staff reports  
Aug 5, 2021



Saladin Allah, visitor experience specialist and community liaison at the Niagara Falls Underground Railroad Heritage Center, Dr. Lillian Williams, and Pastor Charles Walker unveil a new marker commemorating the Cataract House in Heritage Park on Old Main Street. (Paul Battson/contributor)

Paul Battson

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The Niagara Falls Underground Railroad Heritage Commission and the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation proudly unveiled a historic marker designating the former site of the Cataract House at a press conference on Thursday morning at the park area across from Red Coach Inn, 2 Buffalo Ave.



The Berkshire Eagle







# SOCIAL MEDIA BUZZ

"Our music is as legendary as our food. 🎵  
And **thanks to the William G. Pomeroy Foundation** and the WV Humanities Council, we are showing some love to the Father of Rock n Roll with his own Legends & Lore marker. ❤️"

*Convention & Visitors Bureau of  
Marion County*

"This is one of the very **best** and **easiest** foundations to work with. They are **great advocates** and partners for the historical community."

*Saratoga Historian,  
@HistorySaratoga*

"**I love this idea!** Marking the places around America that gave us great food traditions!"

*Independent Folklorist*

"Thank you @wgpfoundation for your **continued and unwavering support** for the New York's history community during these unsettled times."

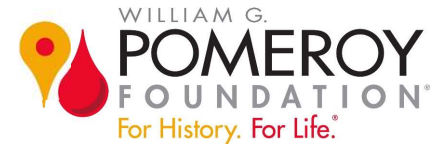
*Devin Lander, @NYSHistorian*





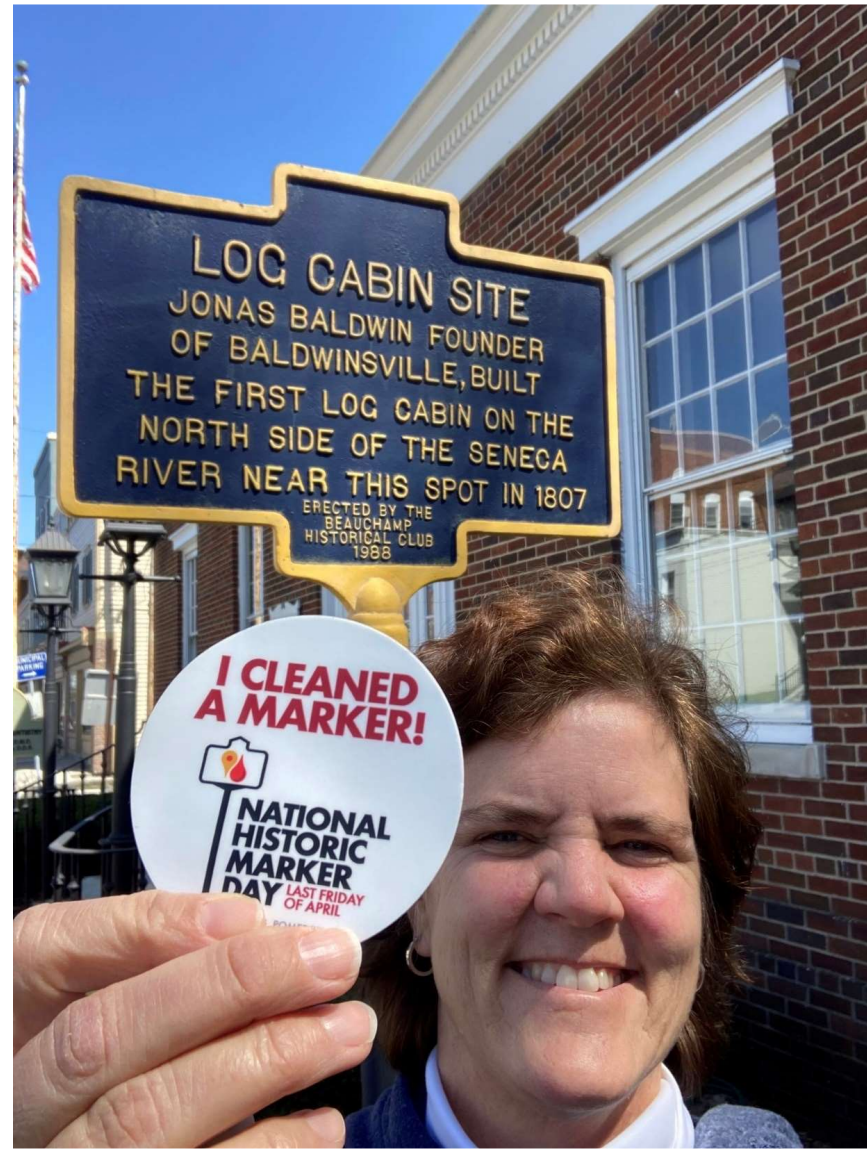
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LAST FRIDAY  
OF APRIL











**Join us** next year on  
Friday, April 28, 2023!



**WEST CEMETERY**  
BURIALS AS EARLY AS CA. 1813.  
"THE CULTIVATOR" EDITOR  
WILLIS GAYLORD  
ASSEMBLYMAN  
JAMIN  
COWLES BORN HERE.  
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# Are you as passionate about history as we are?



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